



STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Latest guidelines and updates

We were hoping for better news on the easing of restrictions, but unfortunately, this has been delayed. This will effect some of the planned events at School.

We are sad to say that the Friends of Stockham BBQ and disco will not be able to go ahead as planned. There will be discussions about re-arranging this event for next academic year. It is our 50th year of Stockham School this year, so we will be planning for some lovely whole school events. The car boot sale will also not be able to take place.

Sports day – The children will still be going ahead with sports day as planned, but without the parents watching. I understand that this is disappointing for all. I have consulted with ten local primary schools, and all schools are not inviting parents onto the school grounds due to the high risk of increased social interaction. The staff will be taking lots of photos and we will share these with you after the event.

Year 6 leavers play – The Year 6 children are working very hard on their leaver's play. This will be going ahead. We are looking at the possibilities of either performing outside (weather dependent), risk assessing 2 performances inside the school hall following the 'performing arts' guidelines or recording the performance. To have parents watching in real life will be our top priority. Any decisions will be shared with Year 6 parents as soon as we can.

Staffing

I am delighted to share with you all who will be teaching and supporting your child in September. There are a few changes to some of the staffing. We will sadly be saying good-bye to Annie Davis who will be moving to her cottage in Devon in the Summer holidays. Annie has been a dedicated teaching assistant at Stockham School for 16 years! She is an invaluable member of our Stockham School staff family and she will be missed greatly.

We will also be wishing Miss Booton lots of luck for her next teaching position in a local school. The Year 6 class have blossomed under your caring nature, all the staff will miss having you on the team.

We will be welcoming Miss Catherine Hughes back as a Teacher at Stockham. She missed us too much and following a formal interview process, will be returning in September with her excellent experience and knowledge.

Mrs Sarah McNaught will be focusing on her play therapy training and we are pleased that she will continue to be working at the school as a cover supervisor and play therapist.

Kristal Rees will be staying with us permanently in September, supporting children in Year 3.

Next year the Teachers and Teaching Assistants in each year will be:

Year group	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistants
Foundation	Mrs Beccy Hackwood	Wendy Breakspear and Imogen Bassett
Year 1	Mrs Jess Wylde (Mrs Katie Roberts on a Thursday)	Daisy Breakspear and Justine Powling
Year 2	Miss Kerry Mascord (Miss Claire Lovegrove on Fridays)	Sarah Anderson and Sylvia Ward
Year 3	Mrs Anna Kerman	Caroline Ellacott and Kristal Rees
Year 4	Mrs Emma Burson	Sarah Page and Aimee Watts
Year 5	Mr Joe Burbank (Monday, Tuesday and Friday) and Miss Claire Lovegrove (Wednesday and Thursday)	Jenny Bahar and Ben Little
Year 6	Miss Catherine Hughes	Sarah McNaught, Lynda Smith, Ann Rowe

Would you like to make a difference in school? We are looking to appoint 2 new **lunch time supervisors** to start as soon as possible. The job role includes supporting the children with eating lunch, playing games outside and promoting a positive ethos around the school. The job is 7.5 hours per week over the lunch time period. If you feel that you have the right qualities for this exciting role, please follow the link for more information <https://stockham.eschools.co.uk/web/jobs/373434>

School trips still to come:

Foundation – Friday 18th June – Trip to Wittenham Clumps Earth Trust

Year 3 – Wednesday 7th July – Trip to Sutton Courtney Environment centre.

Year 4 – Wednesday 14th July – Trip to Wittenham Earth trust for a day of den/shelter making and wild art

Year 6 – Thursday 1st - 2nd July – Overnight sleepover at school.

Dates for your diary

21st June – Unfortunately, we are having to postpone the whole school picnic until next academic school year. Whole school author virtual visit – Nick Sharratt

Friday 25th June and Monday 28th June – School inset days – school closed to children

Tuesday 6th July – Swap over afternoon – children meet their new Teachers!

Tuesday 13th July – Sports day (Foundation and KS1 in the morning, KS2 in the afternoon).

Thurs 15th July – Year 6 leavers BBQ

Fri 16th July – End of year reports home to parents and carers

Thurs 22nd July – School year ends for all children (12pm or 12.10pm)

Monday 6th September - Children return back to school in their new year groups! Inset days are 1st, 2nd 3rd September for staff training. (This year our focus will be 'The science of well-being' and 'Curriculum drive and progression')

Many thanks,
Mrs Ruth Burbank.

Class News

- Year F** In Foundation this week we have continued with our storytelling in preparation for our class trip on Friday. We are very excited about the trip! We also worked really hard during our sports day practice, especially in the heat this week. In maths we are practicing our addition skills with numbers up to 20.
- Year 1** Year 1 have been continuing to work on non-fiction texts, we have been talking about the right ingredients to make a great non chronological report and researching facts about blue whales. In maths we have been comparing objects and numbers and using the greater than, less than and equal to symbol.
- Year 2** We had the most amazing time on our class trip to Marwell Zoo this week. We enjoyed two educational presentations from the experts at Marwell. They taught us all about the habitats of animals and we enjoyed the opportunity to get up close to many objects. We were even able to touch some animal fur and teeth! We were very hot all day but we loved seeing the flamingos, penguins, rhinos, zebras, giraffes and so much more!
- Year 3** In English we have been using organisational features of non-narrative material to write sets of instructions. In maths we have been using peas, dogs and pirates to help practise our 3, 4 and 8 times tables! We have also learnt how to write our name in hieroglyphics and enjoyed our prize from winning the coin collection challenge!
- Year 4** Year 4 have been busy this week exploring our new book 'The Lost Thing'. We have deepened our knowledge of some of the settings and The Lost Thing itself. We have learnt to use the 'pyramid method' to write some amazing sentences and lots of us were able to add clauses into our sentences by using this method. In maths we have been learning how to order and compare decimals. We have enjoyed learning about the Wright brothers and how they used their learning powers to invent the first aeroplane and we then had a go at designing our own paper planes and even had a flying contest at the end of the lesson!
- Year 5** Year 5 have been looking at non chronological reports in English and have been investigating Emperor penguins. In maths we have continued to deepen our knowledge of decimals.
- Year 6** Year 6 this week have been working very hard towards their leavers performance. They have all learnt their lines and are doing an incredible job! In maths we have also been learning about horizontal and vertical reflections as well as 3D shapes and nets.

Soaring High

This week the following children have earned "Soaring High":

- Year F** Bella for always putting 100% effort into everything she does. I can see you working hard to improve all of your skills and practice your learning every day but I was especially proud of Bella's focus during sports day practice on Tuesday when she listened very carefully to the feedback to improve the techniques and put these into practice, getting better at each activity with every try. Well done Bella. Isabel for showing super focus on all of her tasks this week. You have really impressed everyone with your perseverance and enthusiasm for your learning this week. Well done Isabel.

- Year 1** Teddy for using such brilliant listening in our English lessons, you have been able to tell us all some amazing facts about blue whales and you have really been working hard, well done!
Laya for using her determination in maths this week, you have worked really hard to remember the greater than and less than symbols. Keep up the great work!
- Year 2** All of Year 2 for making the adults so proud during our trip to Marwell Zoo. You all listened beautifully, showed superb manners and behaved impeccably. Well done!
- Year 3** Isabella for great listening in all lessons and improved confidence, resulting in some superb work in class. Ava for fantastic contributions to class discussions and having the confidence to share your ideas. Well done!
- Year 4** Harry for always having such a positive attitude to everything he does. You always push yourself to try to get onto Deep Sea Dive challenges, Harry and contribute so well to all our class discussions. Well done, Harry. Keep it up!
Violet for showing great learning powers. Despite hay fever making things a bit harder at the moment, you always approach everything with such a positive attitude and push yourself with your work. Well done, Violet. What a superstar!
- Year 5** All of Year 5 for a fantastic trip!
- Year 6** All of Year 6 for continuous hard work with the leavers performance. You are all doing an amazing job. All of the Year 6 team are so proud of you!

Well done everyone!

Tidy Tiger

This week Tidy Tiger goes to Year 1 for having the tidiest room. Well done!

Second-hand uniform

Good quality, second-hand uniform is available from Friends of Stockham with all money raised coming directly to school. For information on availability of items, please see this facebook group or email friendsofstockham@gmail.com.

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Stockham-School-Second-hand-uniform-sale-103641978169121>

School Uniform

If you need new uniform please order online or by telephone. The website is pmgschoolwear.co.uk and the order line is 0800 4046644.

Book bags and PE bags are also available to be purchased from [pmgschoolwear](http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk).